Reviewer's report

Title: Human rights' interdependence and indivisibility: A glance over the human rights to water and sanitation

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Reviewer: Audrey Chapman

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I commend your effort to attempt an empirical evaluation of human rights' interdependence and indivisibility but your article as it is presented has serious flaws. For a short article there is too much space devoted to the history of human rights drafting and the question of basic rights, much of it not relevant for this article. You do not indicate the measures you will use to assess indivisibility and interdependence of rights. You do not explain the rationale for carrying out the survey in Belo Horizonte or the location and characteristics of the community. You do not describe the content of the questionnaire you implemented. The methodology of your study is not sufficiently described. Your sample size of 12 people interviewed individually and 12 as a group is too small to draw major conclusions about indivisibility of human rights. You need more discussion of the rationale for not extending the survey into a larger sample. It would also be relevant for you to compare your data from the individual and group interviews. Your research seems to repeat the work of Neves-Silva and Heller on the same community. From your brief mention of their work their research seems to have been in much greater depth. You need to explain how your research adds to the work they have conducted and compare findings. Your basic finding, not surprisingly, is that homeless people are marginalized by not being clean and stinking. Therefore it might be better to contextualize your article on the problems of the homeless in securing human rights rather than within the framework of indivisibility and interdependence.

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